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The fee for this Petition is \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee required for this Petition to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. Applicants also request a refund of the paid issue fee if such refund is authorized, with the funds to be credited to the above noted Deposit Account.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are a Petition to Withdraw From Issue, a Request for Continued Examination, and an Amendment for the above-identified application.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of these papers by contacting my assistant, Sandra Moline, at (203) 798-4791.

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